sing industries without ensuring quality standard of the food products;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for issuing such licences in food processing industries;

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure quality standard of the licenced food products;

(d) whether Government have set up any institute/organisation for certification and standardisation of quality of the licenced food products; and

(e) if so, what are the details of such institutions/organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (e) The details are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ban on use of celphos for preservation of foodgrains

1293. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the severe toxic effects of 'celphos' on human being which has no antidote;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to ban the use of 'celphos' in preservation of foodgrains;

(c) whether it is a fact that 'celphos' used in preservation of foodgrains gets assimilated in foodgrains and creates toxic effects in the foodgrains thereby jeopardising health of the consumers; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to remove the toxic effects from the foodgrains meant for human consumption?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Registration Committee constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968, has already imposed restrictions on the sale and use of Aluminium Phosphide. Aluminium phosphide can only be sold to the Government/Government Undertakings/Organisations like Ware-housing Corporations, Food Corporation of India etc., and such insecticide is to be used strictly under the supervision of the Government expert or by pest control operators whose expertise has been approved by the Plant Protection Adviser to the Government of India.

(c) Since the Phosphine gas released by celphos is present only temporarily in the foodgrains no health hazard is caused if recommendations as to use and practice are followed strictly.

(d) Does not arise.

Appointment of film producer as head of F.T.I.I., Pune

1294. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to appoint a film producer as head of the FTII (Film and Television Institute of India), Pune; and

(b) if so, the name of the person so chosen?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

Import of Pesticides etc.

1295. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the pesticides, fungicides, herbicides etc. for which import